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Extracts from Mr. Dulles' Report of PSB Luncheon Meeting 16 April 1953.

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1. CD raised the question of the desirability of sending the	
Metropolitan Opera to Europe. Apparently Bing is interested in such	
a trip and CD felt that the psychological effects would be very impor-	
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- 4. There was a long discussion of the follow up on the President's speech and the possible points which the Communists would jump on to create counter-propaganda. It was generally agreed that they would try to "fudge up" the reference to a cessation of hostilities, and I suggested that they would also do the same with "the prohibition of atomic weapons," and would link that up with the old propaganda about prohibiting the use of such weapons. It was generally decided that we ought to press the Austrian Treaty as one concrete thing that should be done immediately as evidence of good faith.
- 5. It was generally agreed that we ought to be ready for a Soviet suggestion of a Four Power conference and that if the Soviet did make such a proposal it would be hard to refuse. It was felt that we might however make some concrete act on the Soviet part, such as signing the Austrian Treaty, an essential prerequisite as evidence that they meant business.

8. There was also general discussion of the possibility that there would be far reaching Soviet proposals for the unification of Germany,

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the withdrawal of troops, etc. General Smith stated that this old subject was under most careful study at the State Department so that he felt we would be ready to meet it if it came.

9. CD said there was no question of appointing any movie adviser to the President and he had never heard of the idea.

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